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Introduction: Start Here

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that the students in your community are prepared to succeed in college and in their careers.

This Facilitator's Manual was designed as an instructional companion to the 21st Century Scholars College Success Guide. Teachers, mentors and other trusted adults who work with 21st Century Scholars may use the lesson plans and activities in this manual to reinforce and expand upon the material covered in the College Success Guide. Although these lessons were designed for 21st Century Scholars, most of the activities and information are relevant to all college-bound students.

While it is recommended that these lesson plans be taught in the order they are presented, you can teach each lesson individually in any order you choose.

Each lesson takes 30 to 90 minutes to teach, and specific time estimates are included in each lesson. All lessons incorporate worksheets found in the College Success Guide. Printable copies of those worksheets are included in the lesson plans so that you may provide clean print-outs to students who may be working through the guide on their own or who are not 21st Century Scholars and didn't receive the guide. Lessons also include supplemental worksheets, forms and other resources. All of these materials may be copied (or printed from Scholars.IN.gov) and distributed as needed.

Be sure to read the "Introduction and learning goals" and "Items needed" sections of each lesson before you begin teaching so you will have the appropriate resources on hand. Take time to familiarize yourself with the contents of the College Success Guide to ensure you and your students get the most out of these lessons.